

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Amendment to the Claims

By the present amendment, claims 21, 25, 31 and 34 have been amend. Claims 21, 25-26, 28 and 31-35 are currently pending in the application. The amendments to the claims have been made without prejudice and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's objections. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any of the deleted subject matter in a further divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application. The amendment does not contain new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

The amendments submitted change the term "organism", added in the previous amendment filed September 27, 2006, back to its original term "animal" as per the Examiner's note #3 in the attachment to the Advisory Action. Per the Examiner's note #11 in the attachment, it is respectfully submitted that the above amendment overcomes the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Double Patenting

The Examiner has indicated that the submitted amendments would not overcome the outstanding rejection for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S.

Patent No. 6,361,770. Accordingly, Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer attached with this response.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached at 416-307-4161. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Closing Remarks

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required for this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4035.

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